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SUBJECT: TRAFFIC DISASTER ON QUERETERO HIGHWAY

REF: MEXICO 11708, BITTNER-OWEN TELCON JULY 19

1. EMBASSY HAS OBTAINED INFORMATION REGARDING ACCIDENT FROM THE CHIEF OF THE QUERETERO BRANCH OF THE MEXICAN FEDERAL HIGHWAY POLICE, WHO IS IN CHARGE OF THE OFFICIAL INVESTIGATION (TEL. 240-92 IN QUERETERO, QUERETERO). HE INDICATED THAT TANKER TRUCK WAS CARRYING 33,000 LITRES OF LIQUID PROPANE. THE DRIVER WAS DRIVING TOO CLOSE TO THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE ROAD AND RAN THE VEHICLE INTO A DRAINAGE DITCH. WHEN HE TRIED TO TURN OUT OF THE DITCH, THE TRAILER OVERTURNED AND HIT SOME ROCKS. ONE OF THE VALVES OPENED LETTING SOME OF THE GAS ESCAPE. A SPARK IGNITED THE GAS WHICH CAUSED THE EXPLOSION.

2. COLONEL JORGE CARLOS MARTINEZ LUGO, CHIEF OF THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY POLICE IN MEXICO CITY (905-579-6865) TOLD EMBOFF HE WOULD BE HAPPY MEET WITH NATIONAL HIGHWAY SAFETY TEAM. EMBOFF INDICATED THAT TEAM OF TWO OR THREE WISHED TO COME ASAP, PERHAPS MONDAY, JULY 24. MINISTRY OF FOR-
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EIGN AFFAIRS ALSO INDICATED THAT IT HAD NO OBJECTIONS TO PROPOSED VISIT. LUCEY

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